



Oval on a Cosmos Ball

Date

2000

Primary Maker

Takashi Murakami

Medium

plastic, vinyl and paint with CD-ROM inside

Description

This piece features a cartoon-like character called Oval, who sits atop a "cosmos ball," Murakami's name for the sphere covered with smiling flowers. The meditating figure is loosely based on a Japanese Buddha sculpture. Its multiple faces embody the full spectrum of human emotions and states of being: happiness, anger, wakefulness, sleep. The cosmos ball holds a CD with music composed and performed especially for this project by the Tokyo-based duo ZakYumiko. Inside is a lotus flower, a form often used as a pedestal for Buddhist deities and a symbol of cosmic consciousness.

Dimensions

Overall: 9 7/8 x 7 3/8 x 7 in. (25.1 x 18.7 x 17.8 cm)